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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

TO OUR GUESTS . . .

Greetings and welcome in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus. We trust that the Holy Spirit has called you to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and pray that your worship experience today will be meaningful for you and strengthen you in faith. Please sign the **guest register at the entrance** to the sanctuary or fill out a **“Welcome” card from a pew pocket.** Please indicate whether or not you would like to be placed on our mailing list as well as your desire for a visit by the pastor or a member of the congregation.

A Prayer Card has been placed in this worship folder (under the front cover) for you to enter prayers of thanksgiving as well as intercessions and petitions. These prayers will be added to the Prayer of the Church in the Sunday liturgies and included in the bulletin during the coming weeks.

Parents and children are welcome to make use of the nursery located up the stairs at the main entrance to the church.

Restrooms are located in the ushers room off the entryway and on the lower level. Please ask an usher for directions.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. Pick up a “Welcome” folder from the pastor or an usher.

Silence: In addition to words, music and gestures, our liturgy includes several periods of silence. In our noise-filled world, we listen for the Word in the silence of our hearts. Before the liturgy begins the sound of the chimes calls us to a time of worship, reflection and centering. As you enter the sanctuary and greet other parishioners, please respect those already seated who either are prayerfully preparing for worship or quietly enjoying the Prelude.

Holy Communion: All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing.

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship in the dining hall on the lower level.

How to use this worship folder: Hymns for the service are in the back two-thirds of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red book). In this bulletin: *—those who are able may stand; all **bold parts** are for the participation of all.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 6th, 2011 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

**Please silence all cell phones and pagers
before the liturgy begins.**

HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155

GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND RINGING OF THE CHIMES

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

Air

Mendelssohn

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Gracious God,

we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

From the house of David, God raised up a mighty Savior.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

Remembering his covenant, God delivered us from our enemies.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

Before God we are holy and righteous, free to worship without fear.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace. **Amen**

*GATHERING HYMN

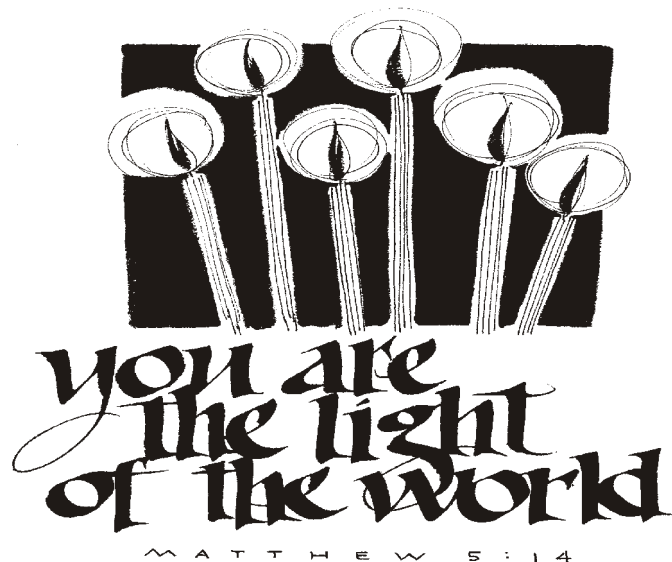
Gather Us In

ELW 532

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.



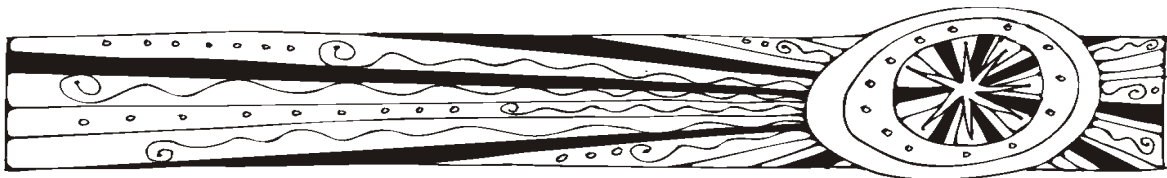
***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

A Little Goes a Long Way

*HYMN OF THE DAY

O God of Light

ELW 507

*CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need.

Form your church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that our good works may give you glory. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Use the collective work of government agencies, relief organizations, and advocacy groups to bring an end to injustice, oppression, hunger, and homelessness. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Bring healing to lands and waters that are polluted or neglected, and teach us restraint, that the resources of the earth may be distributed justly and fairly. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Tend to the needs of all who cry out to you, especially those facing economic uncertainty, those without hope, and those living with fear, grief, or illness (*especially*). Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Gather this community of faith around the mystery of Christ crucified, that our lives be poured out for one another and for the sake of the world. Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Other prayers may be added here.

Gather us, with all your holy ones, to receive what no eye has seen, no ear heard, and no heart conceived: the blessing of unending life in your presence. Let us pray.

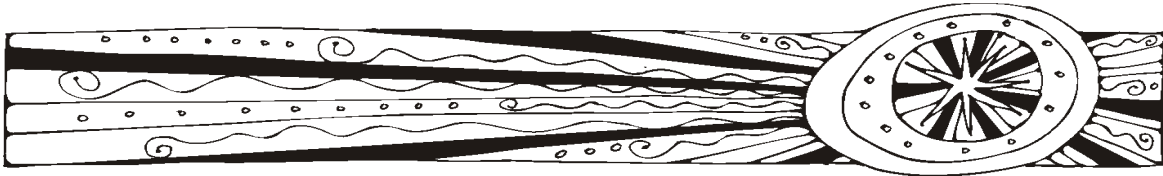
Have mercy, O God.

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord*

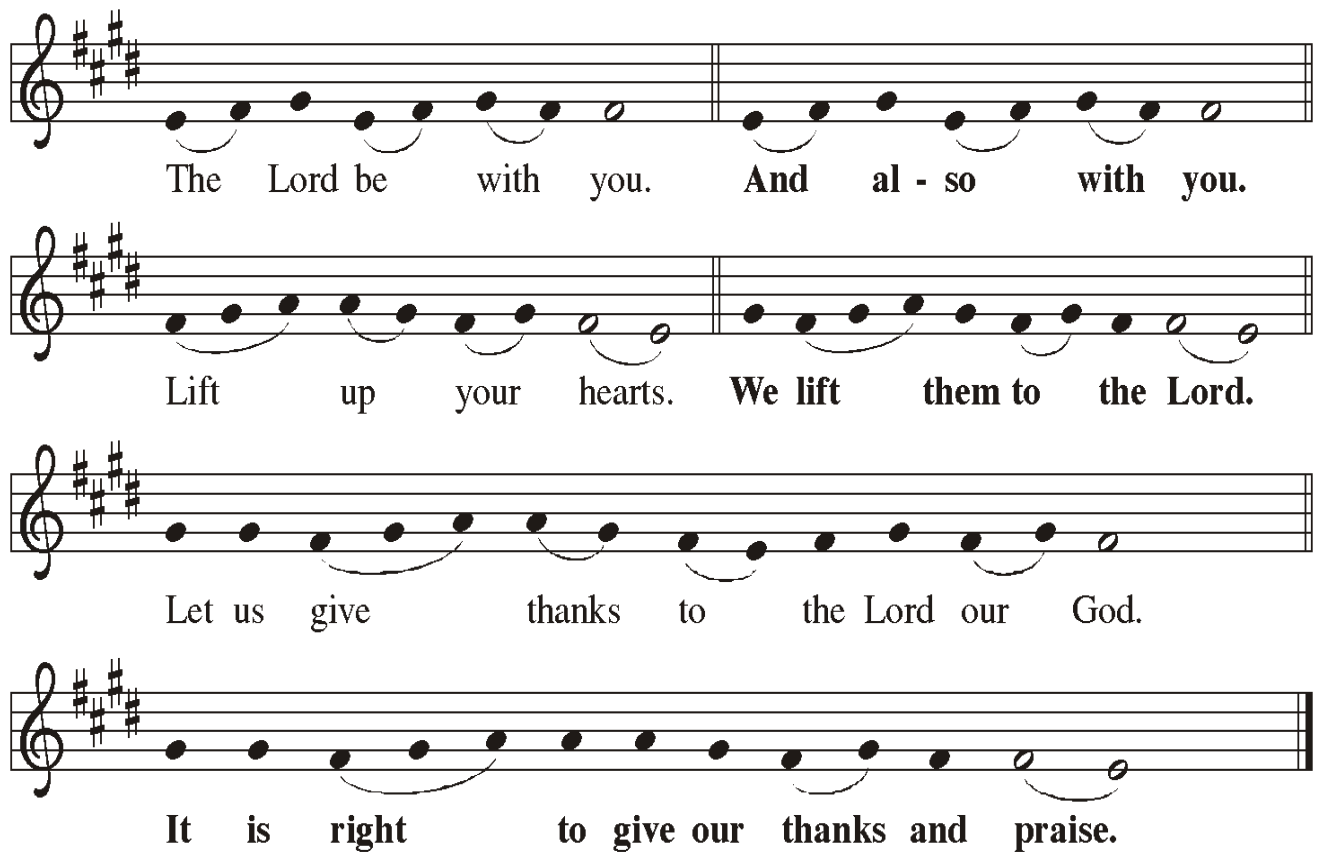
*OFFERTORY *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring* ELW 691

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

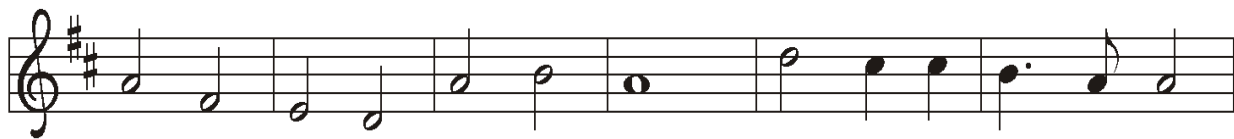
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



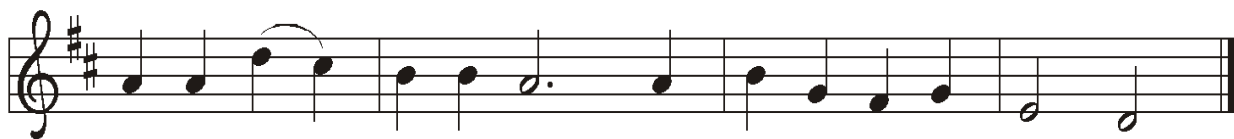
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serious Variations

Mendelssohn

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SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis J. Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

John Broussard

PARISH MUSICIAN

David Richards

LECTORS

Paul and Carrie Watkiss

COMMUNION MINISTER

Shirley Wood

GREETERS

Anne Otjepka and Mildred Melka

ACOLYTES

Nina Ritacco and Sara Watkiss

USHERS

Wally Kessler and Joan Triska

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Kristen Kovack

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Ramona Suffern

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS – 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., M-F.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

THIS WEEK AT STS. PETER AND PAUL . . .

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 6

- 8:15 AM Service of the Word (in Slovak)
- 9:00 AM Sunday School, Children's Choir, Confirmation, Drama Group
- 9:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion (in English)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 1:00 PM Slovak Athletic Association Meeting until 3 p.m.
- 6:30 PM Co-Dependents Anonymous
- 7:30 PM *No Choir Rehearsal*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 7:30 PM Church Council Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 6:00 PM Dorcas "Post-Holiday" Dinner at Sawa's Old Warsaw
- 7:00 PM Recovering Couples Anonymous

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 7:00 PM AA Group

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 13

- 8:15 AM Service of the Word (in Slovak)
- 9:00 AM Sunday School, Children's Choir, Confirmation, Drama Group
- 9:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion (in English)
Worship and Music Committee Meeting follows service.

The church office will be closed tomorrow through Wednesday, February 9th.
Thank you. —Karen Rouleau, Administrative Assistant

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER . . .

*Recovering from surgery: **George Waldman** at home; **Elaine Haase** at home; **Mary Sliepka** (aunt of Carol Melnyk) at Loyola.*

***Dale Renville** (son-in-law of Bev and Steve Podzamsky), **Leza Bernard** (friend of Janet and John Broussard), **Doris Ivaska** (sister-in-law to Al and Luddy Kovalsky), **Paul Matlas** (dear friend of Ken and Shirley Wood), **Dane and Beverly Bartlett** (aunt and uncle to Ann Head), **Russel Hartman** (friend to the Dabrowski's), **Martin and Elsie Pennino** (parents of Martin), **John Sasuta** (brother of Nick), **Cleo Costello** (sister-in-law of Debbie Boor), **Debbie Skonieczny** (friend to Debbie Boor), **Dan Dieska** (member of St. Peter and St. Paul, Blue Island).*



If you would like to order flowers for the Lord's Table, please call the church office. Flowers cost \$18.00 per vase; please make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. The cut-off day for ordering flowers is Tuesday.

The **Annual Mission Offering** of the Western Conference of Congregations in the Slovak Zion Synod–ELCA continues to be received this week. The offering will benefit the **leadership training program** of our synod which assists seminarians and others who are preparing for church leadership in Central and Eastern Europe. **Special envelopes for this offering** are included in this worship folder.

The **Dorcas "Post-Holiday" Dinner** is scheduled for **this Friday, February 11th**, 6 p.m. at Sawa's Old Warsaw in Broadview. Please RSVP by using the sign-up sheet on the board in the dining hall. Cost for the dinner is \$20 which includes tip and gratuity. See Emily Kostelancik or Mildred Melka with payment. **The deadline for sign-up is today.** Family members and friends are invited.

The Riverside and North Riverside Covenant of Churches will host the **Annual Blood Drive next Saturday, February 12th** between the hours of **8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** at the Riverside Masonic Lodge, 40 Forest Avenue in Riverside. **To schedule an appointment**, please contact Life Source at (877) 543-3768. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome. All donors are encouraged to eat a substantial meal and drink plenty of water prior to donating (not coffee, tea or soda). A valid ID will be needed to donate on the day of the blood drive.

The 59th Annual Pancake Day and Music Variety Show will be held this Saturday, February 12th, 8:00 a.m.–2:00.p.m., at the Riverside United Methodist Church, 82 Woodside Road, Riverside. Donations: \$8.00 Adults; \$6.00 Pre-Teens.

**Appalachian Service Project 2011
June 11th through June 18th**

Sts. Peter and Paul and Ascension Lutheran Churches

13 years of age or going into high school.
No building construction experience is necessary.
Friends are welcome to join you.

If interested in participating,
please speak to Sheryl Hallmann or Carol Melnyk.

The first fund-raiser for our youth who are interested in participating in the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) trip this summer will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church this **Saturday, February 12th**. We are asking our youth to help at **“Bistro Night”** with dinner serving and clean-up at the conclusion of the event. If you are available to help, please see Sheryl Hallmann or Carol Melnyk, especially if you are planning to attend ASP this year

Instruction for the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered to children of the congregation during “Pastor’s Time” at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings during the educational hour beginning February 6th through March 27th. **Full participation in the Sacrament** will be celebrated at the conclusion of this period of instruction, and following conversation with the children’s parents, on **Easter Sunday, April 24th at the festival liturgy**. Whether or not your child is communing already, this time of instruction and preparation will be beneficial. *Who should be admitted to the Lord’s Supper and when? . . . The standard should be the same for children and adults: those who grasp the promise of Christ’s proffered body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.*

A Prayer of St. Augustine for Epiphany

O Holy Spirit, Love of God, infuse Thy grace, and descend plentifully into my heart; enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling, and scatter there Thy cheerful beams; dwell in that soul that longs to be Thy temple; water that barren soil, overrun with weeds and briars, and lost for want of cultivating, and make it fruitful with Thy dew from heaven. Oh come, Thou refreshment of them that languish and faint. Come, Thou Star and Guide of them that sail in the tempestuous sea of the world; Thou only Haven of the tossed and shipwrecked. Come, Thou Glory and Crown of the living, and only Safeguard of the dying. Come, Holy Spirit, in much mercy, and make me fit to receive Thee. Amen.

Pastor Lauritsen will offer **instruction in home visitation and Communion distribution** at the next Missions and Outreach Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 15th, 7:00 p.m. for those who have spoken to him about this. The ministry of visitation is to benefit our brothers and sisters who reside in nursing homes, are recovering in rehabilitation centers, are hospitalized or homebound, and who are unable to receive Communion with the congregation on Sunday mornings.

**The Holy Season of Lent begins
Ash Wednesday, March 9th**



Spoken Liturgy of the Word

with Imposition of Ashes

at Noon

Liturgy of Holy Communion

with Imposition of Ashes

at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Vespers, Supper and Study

every Wednesday in Lent,

beginning March 16th thru April 13th.

Vespers (Evening Prayer) is Sung at 7:15,

preceded by Supper at 6:30.

Then join us for a study and discussion of

"Job and the Life of Faith:

Wisdom for Today's World."

WHAT NO EYE HAS SEEN
NOR EAR HEARD
NOR HUMAN HEART
CONCEIVED... THESE
THINGS GOD HAS
REVEALED TO US



THROUGH THE SPIRIT

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9,10